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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The purpose of this letter is to invite your Agency to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Protection of Human Research Subjects of the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology. The Committee will be chaired by Edward M. Brandt, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Committee is being formed to develop and coordinate appropriate responses from affected Federal Departments and Agencies to the recommendations of the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research. On December 31, 1981, the President's Commission issued its First Biennial Report on the Adequacy and Uniformity of Federal Rules and Policies, and their Implementation, for the Protection of Subjects in Biomedical and Behavioral Research. The Commission recently forwarded a copy of the report to your Agency. In accord with the Public Health Service Act as amended by Public Law 95-622, the entire Biennial Report is being published for public comment in the Federal Register today.

Section 1802(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act requires that:

"Within the 180-day period beginning on the date of such publication, the agency shall determine whether the action proposed by such recommendations is appropriate, and, to the extent that it determines that

"(A) such action is not appropriate, the agency shall, within such time period, provide the Commission with, and publish in the Federal Register, a notice of such determination (including an adequate statement of reasons for such determination), or

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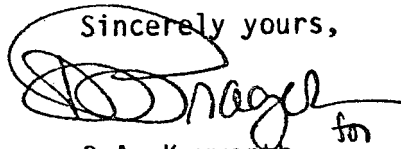
"(B) such action is appropriate the agency shall undertake such action as expeditiously as feasible and shall notify the Commission of the determination and the action undertaken."

Accordingly, we request that you designate an individual to serve as a member on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Protection of Human Research Subjects. The task of the Committee will be to coordinate Federal responses to the Commission's Report and to avoid, so far as possible, redundant or inconsistent efforts by separate Departments and Agencies. A Charter of the Ad Hoc Committee is enclosed.

Please telephone the name, title, address and phone number of your representative to Charles R. McCarthy at 496-7005 by Friday, April 16.

The first meeting of the Committee will take place on April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 729-G of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G.A. Keyworth', with a large, stylized initial 'G' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

G.A. Keyworth
Science Advisor to the President

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